

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2614 - SB 2501

March 12, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires applicants for teacher training programs to attain an ACT score of at least 21, a score of 525 on the original GED, a score of 170 on the revised GED test, or an average score of at least 15 on the HiSET tests. Requires applicants to have achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 in high school or have graduated from an eligible postsecondary institution with an associate's degree and a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 for all college coursework.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The current State Board of Education (SBE) policy regarding entrance requirements to teacher training programs is an ACT score of 21 or an SAT score of 1020 and passage of the Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators assessment. SBE requirements do not currently contain a grade point average requirement.
- Based on information from the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) and the University of Tennessee (UT), passage of the Praxis test acts as a limiting factor for applicants to teacher training programs.
- Placing additional requirements on applicants may result in a decrease in the number of qualified applicants, however, due to similar requirements under current policy, it is estimated that any impact on the number of qualified applicants will be not significant.
- Any decrease in revenue to TBR and UT as a result of this bill is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in state expenditures for the SBE to change its current policy on such admissions is estimated to be not significant.

HB 2614 - SB 2501

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

/msg